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SUMMARY

1. (SBU) A major trafficking in persons trial involving two Russian nationals began July 6 in Yerevan. The defendants -- a mother and her daughter -- are charged with trafficking. MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TRAFFICKERS

2. (SBU) As reported in reftel, Russian nationals Yelena and Vera Kaliakinas were arrested in Yerevan in July 2008. Yelena Kaliakina, together

3. (SBU) The Kaliakinas were charged under articles 132 and 132-1 (trafficking) of the Armenian Criminal Code, as well as under article 190, which prohibits the sale of persons. VICTIMS REFERRED FOR ASSISTANCE

4. (SBU) When police uncovered the traffickers in July 2008, they promptly referred 13 victims -- all of those who were held by the traffickers -- to the police. COMMENT

5. (SBU) Post continues to monitor actively the various trafficking-related criminal cases that reach Armenian courts. The Kaliakinas case is the latest. YOVANOVITCH